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FEMA AWARDS \$1.9 MILLION GRANT TO WISCONSIN'S CITY OF REEDSBURG

CHICAGO – The U.S Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) today released \$1,952,078 in Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) funds to the city of Reedsburg, Wisconsin, for the acquisition and removal of 20 structures.

"This project will ensure the health, safety and welfare of the people who lived in these homes," said Janet M. Odeshoo, acting regional administrator, FEMA Region V. "The acquisition will help prevent future structural losses, emergency repair costs and the financial obligations of federal, state and local governments."

HMGP funds will be used to remove these homes from a flood-prone area, returning the area to open space in perpetuity. HMGP projects like this one are the cornerstone of disaster prevention efforts, and illustrate the importance of local, state and federal governments working together for the benefit of citizens.

"We continue to deal with the after effects of the devastating 2008 flooding," said Wisconsin Emergency Management Acting Administrator Steve Peterson. "This funding will help many families impacted by the floods in the Reedsburg area to start over."

HMGP provides grants to state and local governments to implement long-term hazard mitigation measures. Through HMGP, FEMA will pay 75 percent of the project costs. The state of Wisconsin and the city of Reedsburg will each provide \$325,346 towards the project. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce is providing the city with a Community Development Block Grant for the local match.

FEMA's mission is to support our citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

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